

to express my condolences to the family and friends of Hrant Dink. I want also to express my profound respect for all his fellow citizens who protested his murder and mourned his death.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to celebrate the life of one of the greatest leaders in our Nation's history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Martin Luther King is revered and respected throughout the world for his commitment to unite humanity by working to end segregation and racial discrimination and to create social and economic justice for all.

Martin Luther King, Jr. brought the issues of racism, segregation, and inequality to the forefront of the United States' and the world's moral conscience. He willingly sacrificed his life for humanity in the hope of helping our Nation fulfill its promise of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for all Americans. He vehemently expressed that America could not be true to its vision unless these inalienable rights expressed in its founding documents could be applied to all.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a world-wide community where all forms of discrimination and prejudice would cease to exist. He advocated peaceful methods of conflict resolution instead of brute force and violence. To King, his dream was not a utopian ideal, but a reality that could be actively sought. King stated that, "It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men."

Those who released attack dogs at him, sprayed him down with firehoses, threatened him, and even bombed his house ultimately learned to respect him and his vision because of his unequivocal embrace of humanity for all. He looked past the evil he faced and the ignorance many held firmly close at heart with an empathetic vision of hope for social and economic justice. That is, he believed righteousness and love could overcome the greatest evils. I quote his vision, "Yes if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind."

In his last sermon, Dr. King stated, "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral, and if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long.—Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize; that isn't important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards; that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school. I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to love somebody—I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I

want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity."

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional of Ohio I join with the rest of the Nation, and the world to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The torch has now been passed on to us to carry on his commitment for social and economic justice. There is still more work to be done. We must continue to strive towards making the dream Dr. King dreamt for us into a reality. May his legacy live on.

HONORING THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON ITS SELECTION AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S 2007 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION AWARD

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 832, Honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Performance and Innovation Award, introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. This important legislation recognizes the exceptional work done by the Texas Water Development Board in its efforts to be an environmental innovator and for its vast contributions to the great State of Texas.

On November 5, 2007 the Texas Water Development Board was honored at the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities annual conference in Denver, Colorado. Subsequently, this mark of distinction produced a major environmental victory. The Texas Water Development Board agency is distinguished for its exceptional regional water planning activities, finest administration practices in nonpoint source pollution endowment, the instream flow program, and funding of water reuse projects amongst other notable achievements.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund in Texas has lucratively granted communities nearly \$4,300,000,000 in low-interest loans to finance 472 water infrastructure projects across the State of Texas. This initiative serves about one-half of the population of Texas and provides direct environmental and public health benefits.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I urge that Congress recognize the magnitude of the Texas Water Development Board's satisfactory investment and management of water resources in sustainable development, including environmental integrity, human health, and overall quality of life in the United States.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 21: "yes." On motion to pass H.R. 3963, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 30

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the economic stimulus, focusing on budget policy for a strong economy over the short- and long-term budget outlook.

SD-608

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the threats and protections for the polar bear.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine private fees for service in Medicare Advantage plans.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration's accountability, focusing on the efficacy of women's contracting and lender oversight.

SR-428A

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador, Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational